

2011 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Clackamas River & Zigzag Ranger Districts

Mt. Hood National Forest

EFFECTIVE DATES NOVEMBER 21, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2011

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT – YOU MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT AT A FOREST OFFICE, OR VENDOR LOCATION

Have this sheet in your possession while cutting and transporting your tree *and* observe the following regulations to ensure a pleasant experience for yourself and others.

WHERE TO CUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Your Christmas Tree Permit allows you to cut a Christmas tree in designated areas on the Mt. Hood National Forest. You may cut within the entire Clackamas River and Zigzag Ranger Districts, noting the **restrictions** below

No cutting or removing trees within:

- Wilderness
- Research Natural Areas
- 100 feet of a trail
- Campgrounds or Administrative sites
- 300 feet of streams or lakes
- Areas posted "No Christmas Tree Cutting"
- East of Little Crater Lake Campground on Road 58, because of Warms Springs Indian Reservation

No cutting along the following roads:

- Highway 26
- Highway 224
- Road 42 (Timothy Lake Road)
- Road 50 (Timberline Road)
- Road 2645 (Westleg Road)
- Road 2618 (Salmon River Road)
- Road 2627, 2627-207

There must be another tree, free to grow within 8 feet of the one you cut

Each permit allows you to **CUT** one tree up to **12 feet in height** and stump height shall not exceed 6 inches. Cutting the top of a tree is prohibited.

Validate and securely attach your Christmas Tree Permit to your tree before leaving the cutting area.

Make sure you are on National Forest Land.

District maps are available for purchase at any Mt. Hood National Forest Office.

Do not solely rely on your vehicle GPS. Have a map with you because some routes may be snowed out.

No Cell Phone Coverage on the Clackamas River District

Very Limited Cell Phone Coverage on the Zigzag Ranger District

REMEMBER

Pick up your permit early

Find your tree and leave the woods before dark

Roads are not plowed

Carry tire chains, shovel (s) & tow chain

Bring an overnight survival kit in case you become stranded

Dress warmly and take extra dry clothes, bring hot drinks and extra food



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Bough Incidental Free Use Guidelines

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2012 – INCIDENTAL USES WILL BE PHASED OUT.
YOU WILL NEED A FREE-USE PERMIT IN YOUR POSSESSION TO HARVEST
SMALL QUANTITIES OF BOUGHS.

You may harvest and transport **25 Pounds** of Boughs **per Vehicle**.
Boughs collected in this manner are for **PERSONAL USE ONLY**.
Selling material collected in this manner is prohibited

This amount of boughs are considered and defined as “incidental free use”. As part of this incidental free use, you must keep these guidelines with you while cutting and transporting boughs from the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Boughs may only be cut from the lower half of the total tree height.
- Only the outer half of the branch may be cut
- No trees shall be felled
- No boughs may be cut from trees under 10 feet in height.
- Boughs may not be sold or exchanged {36 CFR 261.6(f)}
- Boughs may only be cut from the areas currently open for Christmas Tree Cutting.

(as listed on this Christmas Tree Permit Requirement sheet)

If you need more than the 25 pounds of Boughs, you will need to purchase a permit, contact us at **503-630-6861** for the details and availability of these permits for Clackamas River and Zigzag Ranger Districts.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS